CLAIMS

We Claim:

5

10

15

20

25

30

1. A compound having the following formula:

$$(X^{1})(X^{2})(X^{3})(X^{4})M^{1}$$
; wherein

M¹ is selected from titanium, zirconium, or hafnium;

(X¹) is selected from cyclopentadienyl, indenyl, fluorenyl, substituted cyclopentadienyl, substituted indenyl, or substituted fluorenyl;

each substituent on the substituted cyclopentadienyl, substituted indenyl, or substituted fluorenyl (X¹) is independently selected from an aliphatic group, an aromatic group, a cyclic group, a combination of aliphatic and cyclic groups, an oxygen group, a sulfur group, a nitrogen group, a phosphorus group, an arsenic group, a carbon group, a silicon group, a germanium group, a tin group, a lead group, a boron group, an aluminum group, an inorganic group, an organometallic group, or a substituted derivative thereof, any one of which having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms; a halide; or hydrogen;

(X²) is selected from a stannoxy group with the following formula:

-OSnR₃;

wherein R is independently selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, substituted alkyl, substituted aryl, or substituted aralkyl, any one of which having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms; OR' wherein R' is selected from alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, substituted alkyl, substituted aryl, or substituted aralkyl, any one of which having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms; F; Cl; Br; or I; and

(X³) and (X⁴) are independently selected from an aliphatic group, an aromatic group, a cyclic group, a combination of aliphatic and cyclic groups, an oxygen group, a sulfur group, a nitrogen group, a phosphorus group, an arsenic group, a carbon group, a silicon group, a germanium group, a tin group, a lead group, a boron group, an aluminum group, an inorganic group, an organometallic group, or a substituted derivative thereof, any one of which having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms; or a halide.

2. The compound of Claim 1, wherein the compound has the following general formula:

(η⁵-cycloalkadienyl)M(OSnR₃)X₂; wherein

cycloalkadienyl is selected from cyclopentadienyl, indenyl, fluorenyl, or substituted analogs thereof;

M is selected from Ti, Zr, or Hf;

R is independently selected from substituted or non-substituted alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkoxide, or aryloxide, any one of which having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms; F; Cl; Br; or I; and

X is independently selected from F; Cl; Br; I; or a substituted or non-substituted alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkoxide, or aryloxide, any one of which having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms.

- 15 3. The compound of Claim 1, wherein the compound is selected from:
 - (η⁵-cyclopentadienyl)titanium(triphenylstannoxy)dichloride;
 - $(\eta^5$ -cyclopentadienyl)zirconium(triphenylstannoxy)dichloride;
 - $(\eta^5$ -cyclopentadienyl)titanium(trimethylstannoxy)dichloride;
 - (η⁵-cyclopentadienyl)zirconium(triethylstannoxy)dichloride;
 - (η⁵-cyclopentadienyl)hafnium(triphenylstannoxy)dichloride;
 - (η⁵-cyclopentadienyl)titanium(tri-n-butylstannoxy)dichloride;
 - (n⁵-cyclopentadienyl)titanium(triphenylstannoxy)dibromide;
 - $(\eta^5$ -pentamethylcyclopentadienyl)titanium(triphenylstannoxy)dibromide;

or

5

10

20

25

- (η⁵-cyclopentadienyl)titanium(tributylstannoxy)dibromide.
- 4. A composition of matter comprising a half-sandwich metallocene compound with the following formula:

$$(X^{l})(X^{2})(X^{3})(X^{4})M^{l}$$
; wherein

30 M¹ is selected from titanium, zirconium, or hafnium;

(X¹) is selected from cyclopentadienyl, indenyl, fluorenyl, substituted cyclopentadienyl, substituted indenyl, or substituted fluorenyl;

each substituted on the substituted cyclopentadienyl, substituted indenyl, or substituted fluorenyl (X¹) is independently selected from an aliphatic group, an aromatic group, a cyclic group, a combination of aliphatic and cyclic groups, an oxygen group, a sulfur group, a nitrogen group, a phosphorus group, an arsenic group, a carbon group, a silicon group, a germanium group, a tin group, a lead group, a boron group, an aluminum group, an inorganic group, an organometallic group, or a substituted derivative thereof, any one of which having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms; a halide; or hydrogen;

(X²) is selected from a stannoxy group with the following formula:

-OSnR₃;

wherein R is independently selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, substituted alkyl, substituted aryl, or substituted aralkyl, any one of which having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms; OR' wherein R' is selected from alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, substituted alkyl, substituted aryl, or substituted aralkyl, any one of which having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms; F; Cl; Br; or I; and

(X³) and (X⁴) are independently selected from an aliphatic group, an aromatic group, a cyclic group, a combination of aliphatic and cyclic groups, an oxygen group, a sulfur group, a nitrogen group, a phosphorus group, an arsenic group, a carbon group, a silicon group, a germanium group, a tin group, a lead group, a boron group, an aluminum group, an inorganic group, an organometallic group, or a substituted derivative thereof, any one of which having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms; or a halide.

25

30

5

10

15

20

5. A catalyst composition comprising a half-sandwich metallocene compound with the following formula:

$$(X^{1})(X^{2})(X^{3})(X^{4})M^{1}$$
; wherein

M¹ is selected from titanium, zirconium, or hafnium;

(X¹) is selected from cyclopentadienyl, indenyl, fluorenyl, substituted cyclopentadienyl, substituted indenyl, or substituted fluorenyl;

each substituent on the substituted cyclopentadienyl, substituted indenyl, or substituted fluorenyl (X¹) is independently selected from an aliphatic group, an aromatic group, a cyclic group, a combination of aliphatic and cyclic groups, an oxygen group, a sulfur group, a nitrogen group, a phosphorus group, an arsenic group, a carbon group, a silicon group, a germanium group, a tin group, a lead group, a boron group, an aluminum group, an inorganic group, an organometallic group, or a substituted derivative thereof, any one of which having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms; a halide; or hydrogen;

 (X^2) is selected from a stannoxy group with the following formula:

10

15

20

30

5

-OSnR₃;

wherein R is independently selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, substituted alkyl, substituted aryl, or substituted aralkyl, any one of which having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms; OR' wherein R' is selected from alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, substituted alkyl, substituted aryl, or substituted aralkyl, any one of which having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms; F; Cl; Br; or I; and

 (X^3) and (X^4) are independently selected from an aliphatic group, an aromatic group, a cyclic group, a combination of aliphatic and cyclic groups, an oxygen group, a sulfur group, a nitrogen group, a phosphorus group, an arsenic group, a carbon group, a silicon group, a germanium group, a tin group, a lead group, a boron group, an aluminum group, an inorganic group, an organometallic group, or a substituted derivative thereof, any one of which having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms; or a halide.

- 6. A catalyst composition comprising:
- a) a half-sandwich metallocene compound with the following formula: $(X^1)(X^2)(X^3)(X^4)M^1$; wherein

M¹ is selected from titanium, zirconium, or hafnium;

(X1) is selected from cyclopentadienyl, indenyl, fluorenyl, substituted cyclopentadienyl, substituted indenyl, or substituted fluorenyl;

each substituted on the substituted cyclopentadienyl, substituted indenyl, or substituted fluorenyl (X^{l}) is independently selected from an aliphatic group, an

aromatic group, a cyclic group, a combination of aliphatic and cyclic groups, an oxygen group, a sulfur group, a nitrogen group, a phosphorus group, an arsenic group, a carbon group, a silicon group, a germanium group, a tin group, a lead group, a boron group, an aluminum group, an inorganic group, an organometallic group, or a substituted derivative thereof, any one of which having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms; a halide; or hydrogen;

(X²) is selected from a stannoxy group with the following formula:

-OSnR₃:

wherein R is independently selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, substituted alkyl, substituted aryl, or substituted aralkyl, any one of which having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms; OR' wherein R' is selected from alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, substituted alkyl, substituted aryl, or substituted aralkyl, any one of which having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms; F; Cl; Br; or I; and

- (X³) and (X⁴) are independently selected from an aliphatic group, an aromatic group, a cyclic group, a combination of aliphatic and cyclic groups, an oxygen group, a sulfur group, a nitrogen group, a phosphorus group, an arsenic group, a carbon group, a silicon group, a germanium group, a tin group, a lead group, a boron group, an aluminum group, an inorganic group, an organometallic group, or a substituted derivative thereof, any one of which having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms; or a halide; and
- b) a chemically-treated solid oxide comprising a solid oxide treated with an electron-withdrawing anion;

wherein the solid oxide is selected from silica, alumina, silica-alumina, aluminum phosphate, heteropolytungstates, titania, zirconia, magnesia, boria, zincoxide, mixed oxides thereof, or mixtures thereof; and

the electron-withdrawing anion is selected from fluoride, chloride, bromide, phosphate, triflate, bisulfate, sulfate, or any combination thereof.

7. The catalyst composition of Claim 6, wherein the chemically-treated solid oxide further comprises a metal or metal ion.

5

10

15

20

- 8. The catalyst composition of Claim 6, wherein the chemically-treated solid oxide further comprises a metal or metal ion, and wherein the chemically-treated solid oxide is selected from zinc-impregnated chlorided alumina, zinc-impregnated fluorided alumina, zinc-impregnated chlorided silica-alumina, zinc-impregnated fluorided silica-alumina, zinc-impregnated sulfated alumina, or any combination thereof.
- 9. The catalyst composition of Claim 6, wherein the chemically-treated solid oxide further comprises a metal or metal ion selected from zinc, nickel, vanadium, silver, copper, gallium, tin, tungsten, molybdenum, or any combination thereof.
- 10. The catalyst composition of Claim 6, wherein the chemically-treated solid oxide comprises fluorided silica alumina which comprises from about 5% to about 95% by weight alumina and from about 2% to about 50% by weight fluoride ion, based on the weight of the fluorided silica-alumina after drying but before calcining.
- 11. The catalyst composition of Claim 6, wherein the chemically-treated solid oxide is selected from fluorided alumina, chlorided alumina, bromided alumina, fluorided silica-alumina, chlorided silica-alumina, sulfated silica-alumina, or a combination thereof.
- 12. A catalyst composition comprising:
 - a) a half-sandwich metallocene compound with the following formula: $(X^{l})(X^{2})(X^{3})(X^{4})M^{l}; \text{ wherein}$

M¹ is selected from titanium, zirconium, or hafnium;

(X¹) is selected from cyclopentadienyl, indenyl, fluorenyl, substituted cyclopentadienyl, substituted indenyl, or substituted fluorenyl;

each substituent on the substituted cyclopentadienyl, substituted indenyl, or substituted fluorenyl (X¹) is independently selected from an aliphatic group, an aromatic group, a cyclic group, a combination of aliphatic and cyclic groups, an

5

10

15

20

25

oxygen group, a sulfur group, a nitrogen group, a phosphorus group, an arsenic group, a carbon group, a silicon group, a germanium group, a tin group, a lead group, a boron group, an aluminum group, an inorganic group, an organometallic group, or a substituted derivative thereof, any one of which having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms; a halide; or hydrogen;

(X²) is selected from a stannoxy group with the following formula:

-OSnR₃;

wherein R is independently selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, substituted alkyl, substituted aryl, or substituted aralkyl, any one of which having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms; OR' wherein R' is selected from alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, substituted alkyl, substituted aryl, or substituted aralkyl, any one of which having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms; F; Cl; Br; or I; and

(X³) and (X⁴) are independently selected from an aliphatic group, an aromatic group, a cyclic group, a combination of aliphatic and cyclic groups, an oxygen group, a sulfur group, a nitrogen group, a phosphorus group, an arsenic group, a carbon group, a silicon group, a germanium group, a tin group, a lead group, a boron group, an aluminum group, an inorganic group, an organometallic group, or a substituted derivative thereof, any one of which having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms; or a halide; and

b) an organoaluminum compound with the following formula:

$$Al(X^5)_n(X^6)_{3-n};$$

wherein (X^5) is a hydrocarbyl having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms; (X^6) is selected from alkoxide or aryloxide, any one of which having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms, halide, or hydride; and n is a number from 1 to 3, inclusive.

25

30

20

5

10

15

- 13. A catalyst composition comprising:
 - a) a half-sandwich metallocene compound with the following formula: $(X^1)(X^2)(X^3)(X^4)M^1$; wherein

M¹ is selected from titanium, zirconium, or hafnium;

(X¹) is selected from cyclopentadienyl, indenyl, fluorenyl, substituted cyclopentadienyl, substituted indenyl, or substituted fluorenyl;

each substituent on the substituted cyclopentadienyl, substituted indenyl, or substituted fluorenyl (X¹) is independently selected from an aliphatic group, an aromatic group, a cyclic group, a combination of aliphatic and cyclic groups, an oxygen group, a sulfur group, a nitrogen group, a phosphorus group, an arsenic group, a carbon group, a silicon group, a germanium group, a tin group, a lead group, a boron group, an aluminum group, an inorganic group, an organometallic group, or a substituted derivative thereof, any one of which having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms; a halide; or hydrogen;

 (X^2) is selected from a stannoxy group with the following formula:

10

15

20

25

5

-OSnR₃;

wherein R is independently selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, substituted alkyl, substituted aryl, or substituted aralkyl, any one of which having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms; OR' wherein R' is selected from alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, substituted alkyl, substituted aryl, or substituted aralkyl, any one of which having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms; F; Cl; Br; or I; and

- (X³) and (X⁴) are independently selected from an aliphatic group, an aromatic group, a cyclic group, a combination of aliphatic and cyclic groups, an oxygen group, a sulfur group, a nitrogen group, a phosphorus group, an arsenic group, a carbon group, a silicon group, a germanium group, a tin group, a lead group, a boron group, an aluminum group, an inorganic group, an organometallic group, or a substituted derivative thereof, any one of which having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms; or a halide; and
- b) an activator selected from an aluminoxane, an organoboron compound, an ionizing ionic compound, a clay material, a chemically-treated solid oxide combined with an organoaluminum compound, or any combination thereof.
- 14. The catalyst composition of Claim 13, wherein the activator comprises an aluminoxane comprising:

a cyclic aluminoxane having the formula:

$$\frac{-\left(AI-O\right)_{n}}{R}$$
; wherein

R is a linear or branched alkyl having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms, and n is an integer from 3 to about 10;

a linear aluminoxane having the formula:

$$R \leftarrow AI - O \rightarrow AI$$
 R
; wherein

5

R is a linear or branched alkyl having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms, and n is an integer from 1 to about 50;

a cage aluminoxane having the formula $R^{t}_{5m+\alpha}R^{b}_{m-\alpha}Al_{4m}O_{3m}$, wherein m is 3 or 4 and α is = $n_{Al(3)}$ - $n_{O(2)}$ + $n_{O(4)}$; wherein $n_{Al(3)}$ is the number of three coordinate aluminum atoms, $n_{O(2)}$ is the number of two coordinate oxygen atoms, $n_{O(4)}$ is the number of 4 coordinate oxygen atoms, R^{t} represents a terminal alkyl group, and R^{b} represents a bridging alkyl group; wherein R is a linear or branched alkyl having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms; or

any combination thereof.

15

- 15. The catalyst composition of Claim 14, wherein the molar ratio of the aluminum in the alumixoane to the half-sandwich metallocene in the composition is from about 1:1 to about 100,000:1.
- 20 16. The catalyst composition of Claim 13, wherein the activator comprises an aluminoxane selected from methylaluminoxane, ethylaluminoxane, n-propylaluminoxane, iso-propylaluminoxane, n-butylaluminoxane, t-butylaluminoxane, sec-butylaluminoxane, iso-butylaluminoxane, 1-pentylaluminoxane, 2-pentylaluminoxane, 3-pentylaluminoxane, iso-pentylaluminoxane,
- 25 neopentylaluminoxane, or any combination thereof.

- 17. The catalyst composition of Claim 13, wherein the activator comprises an organoboron compound selected from tris(pentafluorophenyl)boron, tris[3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]boron, or a combination thereof.
- 5 18. The catalyst composition of Claim 17, wherein the molar ratio of the organoboron compound to the half-sandwich metallocene in the composition is from about 0.5:1 to about 10:1.
- The catalyst composition of Claim 13, wherein the activator comprises an 19. ionizing ionic compound selected from tri(n-butyl)ammonium tetrakis(p-10 tolyl)borate, tri(n-butyl)ammonium tetrakis(m-tolyl)borate, tri(n-butyl)ammonium tetrakis(2,4-dimethyl)borate, tri(n-butyl)ammonium tetrakis(3,5tri(n-butyl)ammonium tetrakis[3,5-bis(trifluorodimethylphenyl)borate, methyl)phenyl]borate, tri(n-butyl)ammonium tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate, N,N-dimethylanilinium tetrakis(p-tolyl)borate, N,N-dimethylanilinium tetrakis(m-15 tolyl)borate, N,N-dimethylanilinium tetrakis(2,4-dimethylphenyl)borate, N,Ndimethylanilinium tetrakis(3,5-dimethylphenyl)borate, N,N-dimethylanilinium tetrakis[3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]borate, N,N-dimethylanilinium tetrakistriphenylcarbenium tetrakis(p-tolyl)borate, (pentafluorophenyl)borate, triphenylcarbenium tetrakis(m-tolyl)borate, triphenylcarbenium tetrakis(2,4-20 dimethylphenyl)borate, triphenylcarbenium tetrakis(3,5-dimethylphenyl)borate, triphenylcarbenium tetrakis[3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]borate, triphenylcarbenium tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate, tropylium tetrakis(ptolyl)borate, tropylium tetrakis(m-tolyl)borate, tropylium tetrakis(2,4dimethylphenyl)borate, tropylium tetrakis(3,5-dimethylphenyl)borate, tropylium 25 tropylium tetrakis[3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]borate, lithium tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate, tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate, lithium tetrakis(phenyl)borate, lithium tetrakis(p-tolyl)borate, lithium tetrakis(mtolyl)borate, lithium tetrakis(2,4-dimethylphenyl)borate, lithium tetrakis(3,5dimethylphenyl)borate, lithium tetrafluoroborate, sodium tetrakis(pentafluoro-30 phenyl)borate, sodium tetrakis(phenyl) borate, sodium tetrakis(p-tolyl)borate,

sodium tetrakis(m-tolyl)borate, sodium tetrakis(2,4-dimethylphenyl)borate, sodium tetrakis(3,5-dimethylphenyl)borate, sodium tetrafluoroborate, potassium tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate, potassium tetrakis(phenyl)borate, potassium tetrakis(p-tolyl)borate, potassium tetrakis(m-tolyl)borate, potassium tetrakis(2,4dimethylphenyl)borate, potassium tetrakis(3,5-dimethylphenyl)borate, potassium tetrakis(p-tolyl)aluminate, tri(n-butyl)ammonium tetrafluoroborate, butyl)ammonium tetrakis(m-tolyl)aluminate, tri(n-butyl)ammonium tetrakis(2,4tri(n-butyl)ammonium tetrakis(3,5dimethyl)aluminate, tri(n-butyl)ammonium tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)dimethylphenyl)aluminate, tetrakis(p-tolyl)aluminate, N,Naluminate, N,N-dimethylanilinium dimethylanilinium tetrakis(m-tolyl)aluminate, N,N-dimethylanilinium tetrakis(2,4tetrakis(3,5-dimethyldimethylphenyl)aluminate, N,N-dimethylanilinium phenyl)aluminate, N,N-dimethylanilinium tetrakis (pentafluorophenyl)aluminate, triphenylcarbenium tetrakis(p-tolyl)aluminate, triphenylcarbenium tetrakis(mtriphenylcarbenium tetrakis(2,4-dimethylphenyl)aluminate, tolyl)aluminate, triphenylcarbenium tetrakis(3,5-dimethylphenyl)aluminate, triphenylcarbenium tetrakis(p-tolyl)aluminate, tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)aluminate, tropylium tropylium tetrakis(2,4tetrakis(m-tolyl)aluminate, tropylium tetrakis(3,5-dimethylphenyl)aluminate, dimethylphenyl)aluminate, tropylium tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)aluminate, lithium tropylium tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)aluminate, lithium tetrakis(phenyl)aluminate, lithium tetrakis(p-tolyl)aluminate, lithium tetrakis(m-tolyl)aluminate, lithium tetrakis(2,4dimethylphenyl)aluminate, lithium tetrakis(3,5-dimethylphenyl)aluminate, lithium tetrafluoroaluminate, sodium tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)aluminate, sodium tetrakis(phenyl)aluminate, sodium tetrakis(p-tolyl)aluminate, sodium tetrakis(mtetrakis(2,4-dimethylphenyl)aluminate, sodium tolyl)aluminate, sodium tetrakis(3,5-dimethylphenyl)aluminate, sodium tetrafluoroaluminate, potassium tetrakis(phenyl)aluminate, tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)aluminate, potassium tetrakis(m-tolyl)aluminate, tetrakis(p-tolyl)aluminate, potassium potassium tetrakis(2,4-dimethylphenyl)aluminate, potassium tetrakis potassium

5

10

15

20

25

dimethylphenyl)aluminate, potassium tetrafluoroaluminate, or any combination thereof.

20. A catalyst composition comprising:

5

10

15

20

25

30

a) a half-sandwich metallocene compound with the following formula: $(X^{l})(X^{2})(X^{3})(X^{4})M^{l}$; wherein

M¹ is selected from titanium, zirconium, or hafnium;

(X¹) is selected from cyclopentadienyl, indenyl, fluorenyl, substituted cyclopentadienyl, substituted indenyl, or substituted fluorenyl;

each substituent on the substituted cyclopentadienyl, substituted indenyl, or substituted fluorenyl (X¹) is independently selected from an aliphatic group, an aromatic group, a cyclic group, a combination of aliphatic and cyclic groups, an oxygen group, a sulfur group, a nitrogen group, a phosphorus group, an arsenic group, a carbon group, a silicon group, a germanium group, a tin group, a lead group, a boron group, an aluminum group, an inorganic group, an organometallic group, or a substituted derivative thereof, any one of which having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms; a halide; or hydrogen;

 (X^2) is selected from a stannoxy group with the following formula:

-OSnR₃;

wherein R is independently selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, substituted alkyl, substituted aryl, or substituted aralkyl, any one of which having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms; OR' wherein R' is selected from alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, substituted alkyl, substituted aryl, or substituted aralkyl, any one of which

having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms; F; Cl; Br; or I; and

 (X^3) and (X^4) are independently selected from an aliphatic group, an aromatic group, a cyclic group, a combination of aliphatic and cyclic groups, an oxygen group, a sulfur group, a nitrogen group, a phosphorus group, an arsenic group, a carbon group, a silicon group, a germanium group, a tin group, a lead group, a boron group, an aluminum group, an inorganic group, an organometallic group, or a substituted derivative thereof, any one of which having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms; or a halide;

b) a chemically-treated solid oxide comprising a solid oxide treated with an electron-withdrawing anion, wherein

the solid oxide is selected from silica, alumina, silica-alumina, aluminum phosphate, heteropolytungstates, titania, zirconia, magnesia, boria, zinc oxide, mixed oxides thereof, or mixtures thereof; and

the electron-withdrawing anion is selected from fluoride, chloride, bromide, phosphate, triflate, bisulfate, sulfate, or combinations thereof; and

c) an organoaluminum compound with the following formula:

$$Al(X^5)_n(X^6)_{3-n};$$

- wherein (X⁵) is a hydrocarbyl having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms; (X⁶) is selected from alkoxide or aryloxide, any one of which having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms, halide, or hydride; and n is a number from 1 to 3, inclusive.
- 21. The catalyst composition of Claim 20, wherein the weight ratio of the organoalumium compound to chemically-treated solid oxide is from about 5:1 to about 1:1000.
 - 22. The catalyst composition of Claim 20, wherein the weight ratio of the chemically-treated solid oxide to the half-sandwich metallocene compound is from about 10,000:1 to about 1:1.
 - 23. The catalyst composition of Claim 20, wherein:

the solid oxide is selected from silica, alumina, silica-alumina, or mixtures thereof;

the electron-withdrawing anion is selected from fluoride, chloride, bromide, phosphate, triflate, bisulfate, sulfate, or any combination thereof; and

the organoalumium compound is selected from trimethylaluminum (TMA) triethylaluminum (TEA), tripropylaluminum, diethylaluminum ethoxide, tributylaluminum, disobutylaluminum hydride, triisobutylaluminum (TIBAL), diethylaluminum chloride, or any combination thereof.

5

20

25

24. The catalyst composition of Claim 20, wherein the half-sandwich metallocene comprises (η⁵-C₅H₅)Ti(OSnPh₃)Cl₂, the chemically-treated solid oxide comprises chlorided zinc-alumina, and the organoaluminum compound comprises triisobutylaluminum (TIBAL).

5

- 25. A process to produce a catalyst composition comprising contacting a half-sandwich metallocene compound and an activator, wherein:
- a) the half-sandwich metallocene compound has the following formula:

10

15

20

25

30

$$(X^{l})(X^{2})(X^{3})(X^{4})M^{l}$$
; wherein

M¹ is selected from titanium, zirconium, or hafnium;

(X¹) is selected from cyclopentadienyl, indenyl, fluorenyl, substituted cyclopentadienyl, substituted indenyl, or substituted fluorenyl;

each substituent on the substituted cyclopentadienyl, substituted indenyl, or substituted fluorenyl (X¹) is independently selected from an aliphatic group, an aromatic group, a cyclic group, a combination of aliphatic and cyclic groups, an oxygen group, a sulfur group, a nitrogen group, a phosphorus group, an arsenic group, a carbon group, a silicon group, a germanium group, a tin group, a lead group, a boron group, an aluminum group, an inorganic group, an organometallic group, or a substituted derivative thereof, any one of which having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms; a halide; or hydrogen;

 (X^2) is selected from a stannoxy group with the following formula:

-OSnR₃;

wherein R is independently selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, substituted alkyl, substituted aryl, or substituted aralkyl, any one of which having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms; OR' wherein R' is selected from alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, substituted alkyl, substituted aryl, or substituted aralkyl, any one of which having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms; F; Cl; Br; or I; and

(X³) and (X⁴) are independently selected from an aliphatic group, an aromatic group, a cyclic group, a combination of aliphatic and cyclic groups, an oxygen group, a sulfur group, a nitrogen group, a phosphorus group, an arsenic

group, a carbon group, a silicon group, a germanium group, a tin group, a lead group, a boron group, an aluminum group, an inorganic group, an organometallic group, or a substituted derivative thereof, any one of which having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms; or a halide; and

- b) the activator is selected from an aluminoxane, an organoboron compound, an ionizing ionic compound, a clay material, a chemically-treated solid oxide combined with an organoaluminum compound, or any combination thereof.
- 26. A process for polymerizing olefins comprising contacting a catalyst composition with at least one type of olefin monomer, wherein the catalyst composition comprises a half-sandwich metallocene compound with the following formula:

$$(X^{1})(X^{2})(X^{3})(X^{4})M^{1}$$
; wherein

M¹ is selected from titanium, zirconium, or hafnium;

(X¹) is selected from cyclopentadienyl, indenyl, fluorenyl, substituted cyclopentadienyl, substituted indenyl, or substituted fluorenyl;

each substituent on the substituted cyclopentadienyl, substituted indenyl, or substituted fluorenyl (X¹) is independently selected from an aliphatic group, an aromatic group, a cyclic group, a combination of aliphatic and cyclic groups, an oxygen group, a sulfur group, a nitrogen group, a phosphorus group, an arsenic group, a carbon group, a silicon group, a germanium group, a tin group, a lead group, a boron group, an aluminum group, an inorganic group, an organometallic group, or a substituted derivative thereof, any one of which having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms; a halide; or hydrogen;

 (X^2) is selected from a stannoxy group with the following formula:

-OSnR₃;

wherein R is independently selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, substituted alkyl, substituted aryl, or substituted aralkyl, any one of which having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms; OR' wherein R' is selected from alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, substituted alkyl, substituted aryl, or substituted aralkyl, any one of which having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms; F; Cl; Br; or I; and

5

15

20

25

(X³) and (X⁴) are independently selected from an aliphatic group, an aromatic group, a cyclic group, a combination of aliphatic and cyclic groups, an oxygen group, a sulfur group, a nitrogen group, a phosphorus group, an arsenic group, a carbon group, a silicon group, a germanium group, a tin group, a lead group, a boron group, an aluminum group, an inorganic group, an organometallic group, or a substituted derivative thereof, any one of which having from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms; or a halide.